

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 7, 2006
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Stuart, Morris, and Boldt, Chair, present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners conducted the Flag Salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker #1

Ron Morrison, 9116 NE 21st Court, Vancouver, commented about the manner in which the Boundary Review Board (BRB) was disbanded. Mr. Morrison stated that there was no communication to board members. He noted that the BRB was comprised of volunteers and that he personally spent hundreds of hours working on boundary review issues. He said they deserved better.

Boldt stated that it was wrong for them to take so long and they should have notified the board members right away. He said they value all the work done by the BRB and apologized for not contacting them sooner. He said they would be sending letters out today.

Stuart said he was also very sorry that they hadn't gotten in touch sooner. He noted that another version of the letter had come across his desk and he felt badly that it hadn't yet gone out, but that they were trying to find the right words to express what had happened and why. He emphasized that the commissioners did value the Boundary Review Board's work.

Speakers #2 and #3

James Johnson, 7106 NW 3rd Avenue, and *Elizabeth Koch*, 401 NW 70th Street, had comments regarding Jorgenson Park. Mr. Johnson said they had concerns about the design of Jorgensen Park and presented a petition containing 330 signatures. Ms. Koch stated that they had met with the Parks Department and the majority of people present at that meeting (about 50) had indicated that they wanted the park to remain the way it is. She said they didn't want the typical "cookie cutter" design. Mr. Johnson also expressed frustration regarding the lack of consideration given to the comments that were submitted.

Stuart stated that one of the things he would like to see for the parks system that has not occurred thus far is truly integrating the idea of natural and built spaces; to have areas for kids to play, as well as interact with nature within an urban environment. He said Jorgenson Park is one of the few areas in which they have that opportunity. He further explained.

Koch said they just feel like they're hitting a brick wall in the attempt to do anything innovative.

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Stuart said he agreed. He asked that they submit their information to the board and he would personally get involved.

CONSENT AGENDA

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to approve items 1 through 8.
Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Morris voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 254)

PUBLIC MEETING: CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CLARK COUNTY
CODE REGARDING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS

Greg Kimsey, Auditor, commented that four elected offices have extensive, professional administrative responsibilities for very complex organizations. They have individual budgets ranging from \$2 million to nearly \$6 million annually, with staff up to 24 employees and excess of 70 employees in the individual offices. Mr. Kimsey stated that Clark County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state, increasing the demands placed on the offices and with responsibilities becoming more complex. He noted that in 2006 there were 84 non-elected county employees whose salaries are greater than the office holders.

Stuart said they have already done the supplemental appropriation for 2006 and his expectation was that the increase of about \$18,000 would be taken out of the existing budget. He asked if there was capacity within the existing budget to make the change.

Kimsey said yes and added that the office holders have committed to not asking for additional funds. He said they have also been assured by the Budget Office that this would not require an additional budgetary action by the commissioners.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to approve Ordinance 2006-02-04, to amend Clark County Code regarding the salaries of certain elected officials (Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Treasurer). Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Morris voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 254)

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Morris commented about the Seattle Seahawks and said she's proud of them even though they didn't win the Super Bowl.

Stuart noted that he watched the game at Cinetopia, which is a very nice movie theater and restaurant.

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Boldt stated that the previous night he attended Washougal City Council's meeting and that he was going to make it a point to attend the other city council meetings as well in order to explain that Clark County is here to serve the cities on annexation. He also told Washougal City Council that the commissioners would very much like to meet with them and they responded favorably.

Morris said the prior board used to have periodic dinners with the city councils to simply get to know each other, with no agenda. She said that Mayor Denis indicated that was a good idea.

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Marc Boldt, Chair

Steve Stuart, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Louise Richards/s/
Clerk of the Board

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